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TO: Honorable Jeff Wentworth, Chair, Senate Committee on Jurisprudence

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB228 by Harris (relating to suits affecting the parent-child relationship, including proceedings for the establishment, modification, and enforcement of child support; providing a civil penalty.), **Committee Report 1st House, As Amended**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would provide a licensing authority with information on delinquent child support obligors in order to refuse an application for renewal of a license. The bill would also allow a licensing authority to charge an administrative fee to cover the costs in suspending or denying a license renewal and provide that the state reimburse any fee charged if the information on delinquent child support is withdrawn. In addition, the bill would allow the state to sue to collect civil penalties from employers who violate provisions relating to reporting certain employee information and maintaining a state directory for new hire.

No significant fiscal impact is anticipated to the affected agencies from implementation of these provisions and any technology requirements for transfer of data on delinquent obligors to licensing authorities could be absorbed within existing resources.

The bill would also create or recreate a dedicated account in the General Revenue fund, create or recreate a special or trust fund with or outside the Treasury, or create a dedicated revenue source. As a result, the fund, account, or revenue dedication included in the bill would be subject to funds consolidation review by the current Legislature.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2007.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 302 Office of the Attorney General, 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 405 Department of Public Safety, 530 Family and Protective Services, Department of, 601 Department of Transportation

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